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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC-WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. IN ASSESSING REASONS FOR FLAREUP AT 10TH SESSION OF WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL USDEL HAS BEEN RELIABLY ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING
FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO NEAR CONFRONTATION:

1. THE MOOD OF THE GROUP OF 77 GENERALLY, AND GUINEA AND
SENEGAL IN PARTICULAR, WAS BAD AS AN AFTERMATH OF THE LAST
FAO GOVERNING COUNCIL. THEY CARRIED THEIR OFFENSIVE CONDUCT
INTO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. AT ONE STAGE THE BRITISH
THREATENED TO WALK OUT IF THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT TONE DOWN
THEIR PERFORMANCES. THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CHARACTER-
IZED TO US AS "CERTIFIABLE IDIOTS".

2. EEC FAILED TO DELIVER ITS EXPECTED ONE-MILLION TON
FOOD GRAIN PLEDGE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BRITISH WERE SEVERELY
CRITICAL OF THIS INACTION WHICH CAUSED THEM TO GIVE 15 MILLION
POUNDS FOR FERTILIZER.

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3. THE WFC SECRETARIAT BYPASSED THE HEAD OF FAO CONFERENCE

SERVICES AND WENT DIRECTLY TO THE HEAD OF THE LANGUAGE SECTION TO REQUEST SERVICES FOR THE NOW NEAR IGNOMINIOUS CAUCUS WHICH PRODUCED THE GROUP OF 77 DECLARATION OF ROME. NOT KNOWING THAT THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN POSTPONED, THE DIRECTOR FOR LANGUAGE SERVICES IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO REFUSED TO MAKE TRANSLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE. HAD THE SECRETARIAT GONE THROUGH THE USUAL CONFERENCE SERVICE CHANNELS, THE EXTEND WHICH PRECIPITATES BLOW-UP AMONG THE GROUP OF 77 WOULD NOT HAVE TRANSPIRED. FYI: WE ARE TOLD THAT BRITISH THREAT TO WALK OUT BY WFC BY WILL MATHIASON RESULTED IN DISCERNABLE QUIETING OF THE GUINEAN AND SENEGALESE DELEGATES. END FYI. ABRAMS

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